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DRYS GET A SETBACK

UNCONSTITUTIONAL interference with personal rights and liberties by prohibitionists was recently given by the supreme court of Michigan. It nullified the search and seizure clause of the home dry law of that state and broke up a campaign of unwarrantable arrests and seizures instituted by the Anti-Saloon League. This should be a warning to the prohibitionists of Nevada.

The test case was that of August Markhausen, proprietor of the Abend Post, published at Detroit, who had stored on an island of his near that city a quantity of bottled beer for personal use and entertainment of his friends. This beer the drays caused to be seized, and he sued for its recovery.

The supreme court decided in his favor. It declared unconstitutional those provisions of the Michigan act that authorized searching for or seizure of "liquor" without a warrant, the confiscation of "liquor" so obtained and the arrest of any person for having "liquor" in his home.

Incidentally, the practice of stopping automobiles entering the state and searching them for "liquor" was knocked out by the decision, so far as the Michigan act could be applied. On the day following its rendition hundreds of thousands of gallons of whiskey were rushed into Michigan from Ohio, direct from Toledo to Detroit. All sorts of motor and other vehicles were used, from automobiles to express wagons and trucks.

For a long time prior to the decision there had been thousands of arrests of persons at the state line for bringing in "liquor," mostly in motor vehicles or on passenger trains and baggage was systematically searched without warrant.

One effect of the decision in Detroit was a fall of about 50 per cent in the price of whiskey. Stuff that had sold at from 25 to 50 cents a drink dropped to 25 cents.

This indicates that a considerable bar traffic had been going on, despite the state dry law.

On the same day there was a grand exodus of drinkers from Detroit to Toledo to buy liquor, and the interurban traffic was wonderful to behold.

Michigan has been a nominally "dry" state since April last. But according to an inspector's recent report 2000 Damon law violators had been lodged in the county jail at Monroe in the preceding five months. Monroe is the seat of government of the county in which Detroit is situated.

The fact that such offenses as drunkenness and driving a car while intoxicated had about doubled in the same period helps to make a strong showing for the power of prohibition to promote law-breaking.

Still another interesting point is that one-third of the offenders were women.

SCORE ONE FOR THE ASSEMBLY

GOVERNOR BOYLE found out that the lawmakers of Nevada are not such creatures of politics that they are willing to be ordered around like a lot of schoolboys or tied to the apron strings of the governor that they may not run away or get into trouble. The majority of both houses voted for a bill that would permit boxing contests to be held in this state under proper regulations. The bill was backed by the leading men of the army, navy and church dignitaries who cheerfully lent their names to the sport as one of the most fitting forms of athletic instruction. Boyle may be building up a machine of his own for future advancement in the field of politics but he has overlooked one strong point and essential feature that to be successful as an exponent of popular thought he must first get in touch with the masses and not sit in state at the executive mansion with his purple and fine linen carefully drawn so that he will not be contaminated. The people of Nevada want athletic sports and they want them conducted with legitimate restraints that the exhibitions may be clean and instructive and, from what the house has said, it begins to look as though Nevada was going to have what she wants regardless of the personal preferences of the governor.

TAFT PLAYS SECOND FIDDLE

WE now begin to understand why President Wilson did not select former President Taft as one of his colleagues on the peace mission. There is no stronger advocate of the league of nations in this country, aside from Mr. Wilson himself, than his predecessor in office, and there is no doubt he is doing the Wilson cause a greater service by remaining at home than he could if he were tied down at the peace conference in Paris. Traveling from one end of the country to the other Mr. Taft is busily disseminating the propaganda upon the success of which the future of Mr. Wilson and the Democratic party depends. So zealous has the former president become in his efforts to bring the people into line behind the League of Nations that he even resorts to vituperation. "Among the gentlemen in the senate," says he in a burst of abuse, "who are setting out to defeat this League of Nations are those I would not trust with the constitution over night."

When one recalls the character of men who already have expressed their opposition to the constitution of the League of Nations the full meaning of Mr. Taft's remarks is understood. When such men as Senator Knox, secretary of state in Taft's own cabinet; Senator Harding, heretofore a devoted friend of Taft; Senator Lodge, the leader of the Republicans and an acknowledged authority on international matters; and others of equal prominence and ability take violent exception to the principles of the new league, it is realized that Mr. Taft takes upon himself a heavy responsibility when he pronounces them dishonest. It is a sad sight to see our only ex-president, a former judge, many times prominently men-

tioned for a seat on the supreme bench, indulging in such expressions—it cannot be called argument. Such language is the ordinary resort of the lower classes of society in their quarrels, but never has been associated with gentlemen of standing or lawyers of reputation, unless perchance, they were hired to say something and were at a loss for substantial argument.

The next knockout in Carson City will be the infamous state police bill designed to establish a one-man political machine.

BRITISH SAILORS ARE SUPERSTITIOUS BUNCH

(Correspondence Associated Press) LONDON, Feb. 5.—The British sailorman apparently is as superstitious as ever and two stories of the navy have found their way into the columns of the Daily Mail.

According to one of these tales, a officer of a naval vessel became mentally unbalanced in the war and committed suicide under tragic circumstances, after escaping from his cabin. Not long afterward the sentries on board began to complain that someone was dogging their footsteps as they paced up and down in the night watches. They declared that they could feel a presence, but on turning around could see no one. Eventually the sentries had to be sent on duty in pairs, as a solitary sentry sometimes would desert his

post in terror. The "ghost" is probably laid, as its ship was sunk in the Dardanelles.

Another case was that of a haunted cabin. The officer assigned to it was missing and it was presumed that he was washed overboard by accident. Another officer was allotted the cabin, and one night he awoke the ship by shouts. A number of officers and men rushed in and found the new occupant sitting up in his bunk in terror. He said he had felt something touch his head and that the bunk was invaded by something damp and smelling of seaweed.

The same thing happened to another tenant later on, and after that the cabin was unused for three months. Then a chaplain moved into the cabin and there were no complaints of further manifestations.

COOLIE COMPETITION BARRED BY JAPAN

(By Associated Press) TOKIO, March 5.—The prohibition of cheap immigrant labor, except under special permission of the authorities, is by no means a dead letter in Japan. Eight hundred Chinese coolies recently were sent back to Antung under police escort by the home minister.

Commenting on this incident, M.

Zumoto, editor of the Herald of Asia, tells his countrymen that the policy that excludes Japanese labor from America and Australia makes it possible for Japanese laborers to earn a living at home.

The coolies in question had been imported from Antung by an iron manufacturer at Hiroshima, who lost \$25,000 by the operation.

SLAUGHTER OF PRIESTS BY THE BULGARIANS

(Correspondence Associated Press) PIROT, Serbia, Jan. 20.—One of the most terrible indictments against the Bulgarians during the war has been pronounced here by Mihailo Natetch, Serbian metropolitan for Pirot district, who declared to the Associated Press that of 306 Serbian priests deported by the Bulgarians, 156 were shot or hanged and 27 others died of starvation or disease.

Dr. Natetch who was himself deported, personally knew most of those killed by the Bulgarians. He said Bulgaria's purpose was the extermination of the whole of the Serbian priesthood because of their influence on the civil population who remained after the Serbian retreat. It is asserted that the metropolitan's statement is supported by government records.

The Associated Press correspondent visited the scene where many of these priests were killed and saw skulls, numerous bones and parts of priests' vestments. He also talked with many widows of the victims.

NEWSBOYS CANNOT DECEIVE PUBLIC

(By Associated Press) LONDON, March 5.—If a news vendor in England shouts sensational news in order to sell his papers the news must be in the paper or he gets into trouble. The other day when news was a little slack one of them cried "Another Police Strike." That was news and also interesting to a policeman and, when he found nothing in the paper to substantiate the shouting, he arrested the boy who was fired five shillings.

ALLEGED PRO-GERMAN APPEALS FROM VERDICT

(By Associated Press) HONOLULU, T. H., Feb. 14.—(By Mail)—Frank Schurman, who was stripped of his American citizenship by United States District Judge Horace W. Vaughan recently after a sensational trial in which Schurman was accused of violent pro-Germanism by many witnesses, is preparing to appeal to the ninth circuit court of appeals in San Francisco.

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ALASKAN NATIVES USE WIRELESS TELEGRAPH

(By Associated Press) CORDOVA, Alaska, Feb. 10.—(By Mail)—By means of an efficient and far reaching system of education the aborigines of the far north not only are able to send written communications through the mails but also is being taught the scientific art of communication by wireless telegraphy.

HAWAII BIDDING FOR MORE TEACHERS

(By Associated Press) HONOLULU, T. H., Feb. 14.—(By Mail)—Henry W. Kinney, superintendent of public instruction of the territory of Hawaii, has planned to make a tour of the normal schools of California, Oregon and Washington next April in an effort to obtain teachers for the 1919-20 school year.

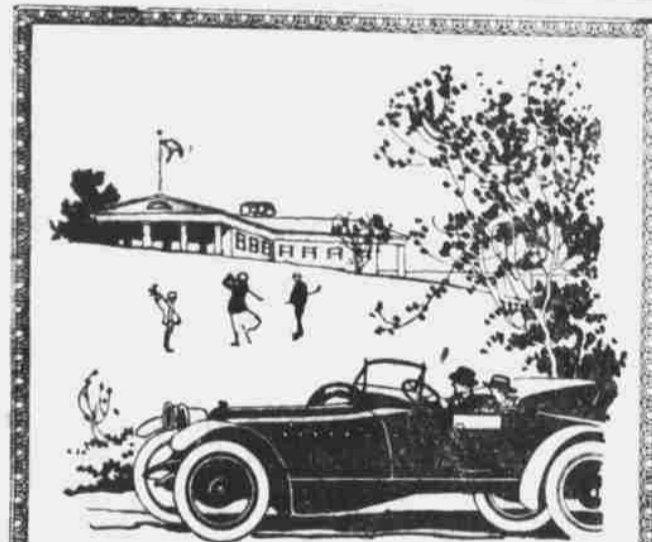
Hawaii has suffered from a shortage of school teachers during the past year and Mr. Kinney hopes to engage at least 100 normal graduates during his tour of the coast states. While in San Francisco he will arrange with steamship companies for transportation for the teachers.

Discussing his plans, Mr. Kinney said: "I will make the trip to get teachers direct from the normal schools, as we find that this is much more satisfactory than dealing with agencies. Then, I think it would be an excellent idea for someone from Hawaii to get in personal touch with all of the normal schools of California, Oregon and Washington. At present we are in communication with only a few of those in California."

At present, grammar school teachers in Hawaii are paid a minimum of \$592 a year, with regular annual increases for five years, when a maximum of over \$1000 is reached. Teachers' organizations expect that the territorial legislature, which meets this month, will grant them an increase of one-third of their present salaries. Support for the teachers' measure has been pledged by a number of prominent members of the legislature.

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